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IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

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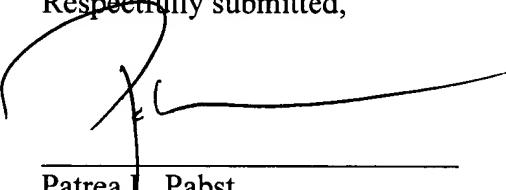
Remarks

It is noted that the Notice of Allowance in this case, mailed July 22, 2003, clearly stated acceptance of the drawings filed on January 7, 2000. However, a Notice Regarding Drawings was mailed April 19, 2004 (nearly six months after payment of the issue fee). This amendment is specifically directed to compliance with that Notice, which objects to the solid black shading. As Figures 5A, 5C, 5D, 5E and 5F are not available without black shading, Applicants respectfully request their deletion, and the renumbering of Figure 5B as Figure 5.

The Notice Regarding Formal Drawings also objects to the left margin of Figure 10 as being of inadequate width. A new set of formal drawings is enclosed, excluding Figures 5A, 5C, 5D, 5E and 5F, renumbering Figure 5B as Figure 5, and correcting the margins of Figure 10.

This application is now in condition for issuance.

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